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SUBJECT: POSITION PAPER FOR MEETING OF WORKING PARTY OF

OECD TRADE COMMITTEE OCT 1-2

REF: DRAFT POSITION PAPER 9/28/74

DELIVER STEPHEN ROGERS BY 9:00 AM OCTOBER 1

1. FOLLOWING IS REVISED U.S. POSITION.

2. THE U.S. DEL SHOULD EXERCISE ITS DISCRETION IN ELABOR-
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ATING THE WORK PROGRAM REQUESTED BY THE TRADE COMMITTEE

WITHIN THE PARAMETERS OF THE POSITIONS SET OUT BELOW AND THE BACKGROUND DISCUSSION.

3. THE U.S. DEL SHOULD SUPPORT AND INDICATE THE U.S. DESIRE TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THE WORK ON COMMODITY TRADE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TRADE COMMITTEE. TO ENSURE GETTING WORK UNDERWAY RAPIDLY, AND IN VIEW OF THE COMPLEXITY OF TRYING TO DEVELOP OBJECTIVE STANDARDS FOR CHOOSING CANDIDATE COMMODITIES, THE U.S. SUGGESTS THAT THE COMMITTEE RESORT TO MORE SUBJECTIVE STANDARDS FOR CHOOSING FOR INITIAL STUDY THOSE NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCES AND RENEWABLE INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS ABOUT WHICH OECD COUNTRIES ARE MOST CONCERNED. FYI: WE ASSUME THAT AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR STUDY BY THE TRADE COMMITTEE. IF STUDY OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES IS PROPOSED, SUCH PROPOSALS

SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE OECD AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE. END FYI.

4. THE U.S. DEL, SHOULD AS APPROPRIATE, CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN OUR POSITIVE POSITION REGARDING A STUDY OF CONDITIONS OF MARKET ACCESS FOR PROCESSED FORMS OF RAW MATERIALS AND THE EFFECT LIBERALIZING SUCH ACCESS MIGHT HAVE ON ENCOURAGING PRODUCERS TO APPROACH QUESTIONS OF COMMODITY TRADE IN THE CONTEXT OF TRADE LIBERALIZATION RATHER THAN RESTRICTION OF SUPPLY.

5. THE U.S. DEL SHOULD, AS APPROPRIATE, HAVE THE WORKING PARTY TAKE NOTE OF THE PROPOSED INITIATIVES IN UNCTAD FOR WORK ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS DISCUSSED AT THE RECENT FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE UNCTAD TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TDB).

6. WITH REGARD TO THE INTENSIVE COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS WITHIN THE UNCTAD/FAO FRAMEWORK, THE U.S. DEL BELIEVES THAT IT WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR THE OECD SECRETARIAT TO FOLLOW THIS AND RELATED UNCTAD WORK ON COMMODITIES IN PREPARATION FOR THE FEBRUARY 1975 MEETING OF THE UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES AND U.S. DEL SHOULD PROPOSE THAT THIS SUBJECT BE PUT ON AGENDA FOR NEXT TRADE COMMITTEE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEETING.

7. FOLLOWING ARE REVISED TALKING POINTS:

8. SECRETARIAT PAPER IS USEFUL DISCUSSION; PROVIDES WELCOME GUIDANCE FOR FURTHER TCWP WORK.

9. A VARIETY OF VALID CRITERIA EXIST FOR SELECTING

COMMODITIES, SUCH AS IMPORTANCE IN WORLD TRADE AND SERIOUSNESS OF PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED IN TRADE. IMPORTANT POINT IS TO STUDY COMMODITIES ABOUT WHICH OECD MEMBER STATES ARE CONCERNED, ON BASIS OF PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS THAT STUDIES SHOULD BEGIN WITH NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCES AND PERHAPS SOME RENEWABLE INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIALS.

10. PRINCIPAL CONCERN OF MANY OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES IS THE PROBLEM OF ACCESS TO OR SECURITY OF SUPPLY.

11. WE REITERATE U.S. SUPPORT FOR SECRETARIAT EXPLORATION OF THE RAMIFICATIONS OF LIBERALIZING MARKET ACCESS FOR PROCESSED FORMS OF RAW MATERIALS; PARTICULARLY THE EFFECT LIBERALIZING SUCH ACCESS MIGHT HAVE ON ENCOURAGING ADDITIONAL PRODUCTION.

12. SOLUTIONS WE FIND TO PROBLEMS OF COMMODITY TRADE WILL HAVE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS OUR OWN.

13. OECD WILL NEED TO KEEP ABREAST OF WORK ON COMMODITIES IN OTHER FORA, PARTICULARLY IN THE UNCTAD AND THE FAO, AND WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A SUBJECT WHICH WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT TRADE COMMITTEE MEETING.

14. U.S. THEREFORE WELCOMES SECRETARIAT SUGGESTED COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF CONCLUSIONS ARISING FROM THE RECENT ROUND OF UNCTAD/FAO INTENSIVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS, AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF WORK THAT MAY BE NEEDED.

15. STRESS THE POSITIVE WORK UNDERWAY IN AD HOC AND ESTABLISHED OECD GROUPS IN COORDINATING POLICIES AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COOPERATION ON COMMODITY TRADE.

16. ALL MATERIAL IN U.S. POSITION AND TALKING POINTS SECTION NOT REPEATED ABOVE SHOULD BE DELETED. IN BACKGROUND SECTION, DELETE LAST TWO SENTENCES OF THE FIRST PARA ON PAGE 10. INGERSOLL

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